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to the Commission**  
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Carbon emission regulations are driving technological transformations in the automotive industry, enabling automakers to acquire leadership in new technology fields and increase their market shares.

Early in 2015, Toyota will follow Hyundai in releasing its first mass-market hydrogen fuel-cell model. With improvements in the efficiency of fuel cells, cost reductions in electric powertrains and high subsidies in Japan, automakers believe that fuel cells offer a long-range, fast-fuelling alternative to battery-electric vehicles (BEVs).

What is the opinion of the Commission on the hydrogen fuel-cell model?